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**From:** Currier, Reasa (FTA)  
**To:** Day, Elizabeth (FTA)  
**CC:** Longo, David (FTA)  
**Sent:** 9/2/2010 6:01:41 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Honolulu FEIS comment period

Hi Beth—I hope you are doing well! I just got back from maternity leave and am filling in for Paul on this request while he is out. Please see the question below. I'm not sure who in your shop is working on the Honolulu project and would be appropriate to answer the question below. Adrienne LaFrance is a contributor to a blog [civilbeat.com](http://civilbeat.com) and she is basically wondering when FTA will reassess the funding recommendations for Honolulu. She is hoping for an answer tomorrow.

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**From:** Griffo, Paul (FTA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 2:57 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Ketrina (FTA)  
**Cc:** Farber, Brian (FTA); Longo, David (FTA)  
**Subject:** Fw: Honolulu FEIS comment period

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**From:** Adrienne LaFrance <[adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com)>  
**To:** Griffo, Paul (FTA)  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 02 00:26:39 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Honolulu FEIS comment period

Hi Paul,  
When does the FTA next reassess funding recommendations for New Starts applicants? Specifically, I'm wondering about where Honolulu stands, time-wise. Many thanks!  
Adrienne

On Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 8:58 AM, Adrienne LaFrance <[adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Paul,

I'm continuing to report about the proposed rail project in Honolulu, and I'm hoping you can specify something from the FTA's New Starts report assessment. On page 139 of Appendix A of the most recent New Starts funding document (from your website), it reads:

"The financial plan show the City has little ability to address funding shortfalls or cost increases. The GET surcharge revenues that will be applied to project-related debt service provide very slim coverage."

I'm wondering: Are there specific dollar amounts that would lead the FTA to determine whether a city has "little ability," "adequate ability," or "ample ability," for example? In other words, what kind of funding would the FTA want Honolulu to have in order to give them a medium or high rating in that Capital Cost Estimates, Planning Assumptions, and Financial Capacity category.

Please feel free to call if you have questions about this inquiry-- I realize it's quite specific!

Many thanks,  
Adrienne

On Mon, Aug 16, 2010 at 6:26 AM, Adrienne LaFrance <[adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Paul,  
That makes sense. Thank you for getting back to me.  
Adrienne

On Mon, Aug 16, 2010 at 3:14 AM, <[Paul.Griffo@dot.gov](mailto:Paul.Griffo@dot.gov)> wrote:

Adrienne,

On background: The FTA received a few requests for additional time to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement beyond the 30-day review period established in the Federal Register notice that announced the document's availability. For the benefit of those interested in commenting, the FTA extended the comment period by 20 days.

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**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2010 4:47 PM  
**To:** Griffo, Paul (FTA)  
**Subject:** Media inquiry

Hi Paul,  
The FTA has extended the comment period for Honolulu's rail project, and I'm wondering if you can tell me why.  
Many many thanks,  
Adrienne

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